

SENATE RESOLUTION 142

By Walley

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Lauren Whaley, 2021 Hardin County recipient of the Extra Mile Award from Tennessee RiverLine.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is Lauren Whaley of Hardin County, who has distinguished herself as a citizen of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Whaley was recently named the 2021 Hardin County recipient of the Extra Mile Award from Tennessee RiverLine, an organization with the vision for a 652-mile paddling, hiking, and biking trail along the Tennessee River; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee RiverLine organization is led by the University of Tennessee School of Landscape Architecture and principal partners the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and the Tennessee Valley Authority, in collaboration with the Tennessee RiverLine Partnership, a group of organizations committed to realizing the vision for the Tennessee RiverLine; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, more than 160 volunteer members who form the fifteen Tennessee RiverTowns Local Leadership Teams organized river animation and stewardship events, advocacy efforts, and other initiatives to raise awareness of the Tennessee RiverLine vision and facilitate community engagement; and

WHEREAS, the Extra Mile Award recognizes a single member of each community's leadership team, nominated by their peers, who demonstrated exemplary effort and leadership through their participation in the Tennessee RiverTowns Program; and

WHEREAS, this year's award recipients made substantial contributions to the success of the inaugural year of the Tennessee RiverTowns Program; their efforts in the past year established a foundation for the collaboration to fulfill the vision for North America's next great regional trail system; and

WHEREAS, Lauren Whaley, a representative of the Tennessee River Museum, is an administrative assistant for the Hardin County Convention & Visitors Bureau; her devotion to enhancing her community is apparent through her work with the Bureau and with Tennessee RiverLine; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Whaley epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and she should be specially recognized for her many accomplishments and devoted work; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and commend Lauren Whaley, 2021 Hardin County recipient of the Extra Mile Award from Tennessee RiverLine, extending our gratitude for her service to her fellow citizens and our best wishes for continued success and happiness in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.